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To: County of San Luis Obispo
From: Mike Miller
Re: Federal Agenda Update

The Ferguson Group (TFG) continues to assist San Luis Obispo County in matters pertaining to the federal government, including federal funding as well as legislative and regulatory matters not directly related to funding. The following outlines focus areas during the past two quarters.

Drought. TFG continues working on behalf of the County to identify funding opportunities for drought relief and long term water supply stability.

- In January 2014 TFG coordinated meetings in Washington, D.C. with the County's congressional delegation and key staff members at relevant agencies regarding the drought.
- TFG provided input to congressional staff in advance of the introduction of drought relief legislation in both the House and the Senate in January and February 2014. Regarding the Senate bill, TFG provided information focused on challenges facing the County as well as project specific information in the case of Cambria CSD.
- TFG worked with County staff to identify specific relevant federal funding programs. As the 2014 budget is implemented, the 2015 budget develops, and legislation such as the drought relief bills take shape, TFG will continue updating the program table previously delivered and will work with staff on funding opportunities.

Los Osos. TFG focuses on protecting existing funding authority and finding additional funding sources to reduce the financial impact on the County and residents.

- TFG is working with congressional and Corps of Engineers staff to prevent deauthorization of treatment plant funding under proposed water resources legislation and to secure funding under the authorization, including new funding for the Corps's Section 219 program under the 2014 Omnibus Appropriations bill.
- TFG coordinated meetings with USDA, EPA, and the Bureau of Reclamation to explore new funding opportunities, including interest rate reduction, loan principal relief, and microloans for on-lot improvement costs.

Salinas Dam and Cayucos Pier. TFG is working with the congressional delegation and the Corps of Engineers to achieve timely regulatory review and approval of projects, including securing operating agreement renewal for Salinas Dam and expedited review and approval for work at Cayucos Pier.

Agenda Fields & Priorities. In addition to the specific efforts outlined above, TFG has refined the County's federal agenda as discussed in July 2013 to focus on three broad agenda fields: water resources, transportation & public infrastructure, and public safety & social services. The table below outlines priority projects and issues under each field. The Grants-NOFAs column lists specific notices of funding availability provided to the County over the past two quarters for consideration. We anticipate more NOFAs being released in the coming months due to passage of the 2013 Omnibus Appropriations bill.

Field	Projects/Issues	Grants - NOFAs
Water Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drought & Water Reliability • Los Osos • Clean water • Salinas Dam • HCPs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coastal Protection (FWS) • Rural Community Development (USDA)
Transportation & Public Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reauthorization Bill • Cayucos Pier • Flood Control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pending
Public Safety, Social Services & County Revenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yucca Mountain & Nuclear Waste Policy • PILT Protection • Homelessness • Veterans Assistance • Fire Hydrant Bill (CWA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance to Firefighters (FEMA) • Museum (IMLS) • Job Training (EDA) • Arrest Policy & Protection Order Enforcement (DOJ) • 2nd Chance Reentry (DOJ) • Probation & Parole (DOJ) • Environmental Workforce (EPA) • Rural veterans transportation

Additional Projects & Issues Watch List. The table below outlines additional projects and issues TFG continues to track for the County.

Field	Project/Issue
Water & Natural Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lopez Lake HCP • NPDES – MSR4s Phase II • Stormwater conveyance & liability • Invasive species (aquatic) • Arroyo Grande Creek – levees and HCP • Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (PACE) • Climate Change
Transportation & Public Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy efficiency for public facilities
Public Safety, Social Services & County Revenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-Gang Funding • DNA Cold Hit funding • Cambria Library Expansion • Homeless services and facilities funding • Medicare reimbursement • Disaster preparedness & insurance